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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS AS APPROPRIATE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, PINS, OTRA, SWEL, SY

SUBJ: OUTBREAK OF MALARIA IN SYRIA

REF: 7 FAM 243.1

1. SARG HEALTH AUTHORITIES REPORT THAT 1300 POSITIVE CASES OF MALARIA HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED NATIONWIDE, WITH NO DEATHS INDICATED. APPROXIMATELY 50 PER CENT OF CASES ARE IN HAMA AREA. OTHER CASES HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN DERA, ALEPPO, HASALEH, IDLIB, TARTOUS, DAMASCUS, HOMS, AND RAKKA.

2. THERE HAVE BEEN PERIODIC REPORTS OF CASES IN PAST, ALTHOUGH MALARIA IS NOT ENDEMIC TO SYRIA. SO FAR, CASES HAVE BEEN VERY LOCALISED IN SMALL AREAS AND HEALTH AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT DEEMED NECESSARY USUAL PROPHYLACTIC MEDICATIONS, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE GIVEN TO THOSE WITH POSITIVE CASES FOR TREATMENT.

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COUNTER MEASURES SUCH AS SPRAYING AND DRAINING STAGNANT WATER HAVE BEEN TAKEN. EMBASSY USAID OFFICE IS ASSISTING MINISTRY OF HEALTH WITH JOINT MEETING WITH WHO LATE SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER TO DISCUSS MEASURES FOR READICATION.

3. FOR DEPARTMENT: PLEASE REPORT OUTBREAK TO CDC ATLANTA AND INQUIRE IF THEY DESIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE

REPEAT REPORT AS NECESSARY.

4. ANKARA: PLEASE REPEAT REPORT TO CONSTITUTENT MILITARY  
COMMANDS.

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